

HOUSE BILL 1700

By Love

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 11; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4 and Title 40, relative to possession of marijuana for treatment of certain medical conditions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 11, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A person is justified in possessing marijuana in an amount not to exceed one (1) ounce (28.35 grams) if:

(1) The person reasonably believes the conduct is necessary for the treatment of the person's medical condition; and

(2) The person can prove a medical diagnosis of one (1) of the following:

(A) Cancer;

(B) Glaucoma;

(C) Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS);

(D) Hepatitis C;

(E) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;

(F) Tourette's syndrome;

(G) Crohn's disease;

(H) Ulcerative colitis;

(I) Post-traumatic stress disorder;

(J) Severe arthritis;

(K) Fibromyalgia;

(L) Alzheimer's disease;

(M) Cachexia or wasting syndrome;

(N) Peripheral neuropathy;

(O) Intractable pain that has not responded to ordinary medications, treatment, or surgical measures for more than six (6) months;

(P) Severe nausea;

(Q) Seizures, including, without limitation, those characteristic of epilepsy; or

(R) Severe and persistent muscle spasms, including, without limitation, those characteristic of multiple sclerosis.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.